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ON GOLDEN POND

Gabriel Beauchesne-Sevigny, left, and Benjamin Russell of Dartmouth celebrate their gold-medal win in the C2 1000-metre final canoe race at the Pan Am Games in Welland, Ont., on Monday. It was one of three medals won by Nova Scotians. See [metroSPORTS](#).

Apathy at the polls

BYELECTION

Few expected at Dartmouth South vote, expert says



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

Ballot boxes in Dartmouth South won't be overflowing Tuesday, and it should come as no surprise, says a political scientist.

"It's dissatisfaction, it's a byelection ... and it's summer," said Mount Saint Vincent University political scientist Dr. Jeff MacLeod on Monday.

MacLeod said that would usually be good news for an incumbent, but since there isn't one in Dartmouth South — following the sudden death of Liberal MLA Allan Rowe in March — he said

it will benefit established parties.

"The machine to get out the vote will probably matter more today than it does in other elections," he said.

MacLeod said this byelection — one of three taking place across the province Tuesday — is the first "electoral temperature check" for the Stephen McNeil government, and it will show whether issues like the cut to the film tax credit will have "traction" with voters — but he's not making any predictions.

"I've detected a strong reaction against the austerity measures the McNeil government has implemented," he said. "But I've not detected a full-scale loss of support for this government that was apparent with the Dexter government towards its final days."

The other byelections Tuesday are for the ridings of Cape Breton Centre and Sydney-Whitney Pier.



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Safety concerns spark debate

PEGGY'S COVE

Some believe common sense and not signs is the answer

After two men slipped into the swirling waters of the Atlantic Ocean off Peggy's Cove in recent months, a debate over safety has hinged on whether common sense should be enough to protect people from the natural dangers at the popular tourist destination in Nova Scotia.

Family and friends of the two men — one from Smith Falls, Ont., who hasn't been recovered from the ocean — are pushing for increased safety measures, but their appeals have sometimes been met with skepticism from locals, particularly on social media.

Last week, James Rubec of Toronto wrote to a Halifax newspaper after his friend was rescued from the water about two weeks ago, asking the province: "When will you mature your tourism product to a level where it is safe for all?"

Rubec has suggested barricades around the parking lot at Peggy's Cove to funnel visitors to a turnstyle where they would be informed of the dangers, along with monitors to let people know when they are putting themselves in peril on the smooth and sometimes slick rocks.

He also wants a boat and a trained team available to help anyone who ends up in the water.

"It doesn't necessarily need to be a negative that changes are coming ... it could be extremely beneficial to the (Peggy's Cove) community," he said in an interview.

Those on the other side of the debate think the solution should be based on personal accountability.

"Yes, we can put more signs down there. Absolutely. But there are signs down there to begin with," said Gary Biddle, the vice president of Atlantic Tours.

Atlantic Tours transports thousands of visitors to the site every year and its guides



Waves pound the rocks at Peggy's Cove. The Nova Scotia government says it will not install fences on the rocks at Peggy's Cove because they wouldn't deter people from getting too close to the ocean. BOTH IMAGES: ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

warn visitors of the danger, said Biddle.

"The unfortunate part is — and I'm talking about the individual that lost his life — if he grew up, as an example, in the Toronto area, and the Ontario area, he may not know what it's all about down here," he said.

"And that part of it I can certainly understand. But when you don't know, you shouldn't be taking any chances."

The argument over common sense versus some sort of official intervention has produced heated responses, but Rubec said cooler heads should prevail.

"There's going to be always a vocal element that says that Ontarians are stupid, or something like that," he said. "(But) I think when you

look at the issue in earnest ... most people will remove the emotionality of personal change from it and come to an alignment where, OK, a little bit of personal accommodation makes sense."

BACKGROUND

Last Thursday, the Nova Scotia government said it would post more warning signs at Peggy's Cove and consider the installation of a fence around the parking lot to channel visitors towards them. The government said officials would meet in the coming weeks to discuss the changes.

Peter Richardson, the owner and operator of Peggy's Cove Boat Tours, pulled Rubec's unnamed friend to safety in his boat and has personal experience as a newcomer to Peggy's Cove who was unaware of the dangers that surround the picturesque lighthouse on the rocks.

"I'm not from around here ... and when I first came down here I was really ignorant to the dangers of the ocean," he admitted.

"But it didn't take long to catch on and just use common sense."

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You can tell people, but then they just don't get it.

Peter Richardson

‘Courage to believe in yourself’

FIRST RESPONDERS

Camp inspires girls to become firefighters, police officers



Stephanie Taylor
Metro|Halifax

When Andrea Speranza was a little girl, she dreamed of being Superman.

But after a few spills off her bike and one failed attempt to leap from a roof that resulted in her falling onto a board stuck with nails, her dreams quickly changed from that of a fictitious cape-clad character to the heroism she saw in her first responders.

“I said to myself, ‘I can’t be Superman, but I can be a fireman,’” the Ontario native said Monday, laughing.

Now, the career firefighter with 16 years on the job is making a difference in the lives of 24 young women who, like her, see themselves in a career typically dominated by men.

Nine years ago, Speranza founded Camp Courage, a free week-long program that provides girls aged 15 to 19 with a crash course in paramedicine, police work and firefighting. They participate in both training sessions and hands-on experience in each field.

“Women are a minority in these professions and sometimes you just need someone to say, ‘Yeah, you can do it,’” she said Monday, the second day of camp.

That encouragement was lacking in her own life, re-

called Speranza, who pursued her own dream of firefighting only after completing a business degree, as she was instructed to do after high school.

“I never had the support, and I’m giving it now because it shouldn’t be that hard for anyone to do whatever they want to do.”

Today, Speranza’s story serves as inspiration to the 50 graduates who now work as first responders across the country, and the next generation of first responders — like 15-year-old camper Annika Heighway, who also dreams of being a firefighter.

“I enjoy the thought of being able to help others while still making an income and having it as my job and not having to sit at a desk all day,” Heighway said Monday.

50

The number of women who graduated from the camp and now work as first responders in Canada

“When I was younger, I used to think (firefighting) was more of a man’s role than a woman’s.”

Even for girls who eventually choose another line of work, Speranza said the camp is

about more than a finding a career. It’s about giving young women the support they need to achieve personal success — hence the name.

“You need courage to believe in yourself,” she said.

“You need courage to stand up for yourself. You need courage to choose the hard right over the easy wrong.”

“You need courage to persevere (through) the worst adversity.”

“You need courage to challenge yourself. But most of all, you need courage to dream the biggest, most fantastic dreams because if you can believe it, you can achieve it.”



Paramedic Donna Reid, left, gives Camp Courage participants Kerry-Lynn McKibbin, centre, and Lisa Holman some instruction on using a stethoscope during sessions on Monday. JEFF HARPER/METRO



Sarah Anne Wood gets flipped over on a back board by paramedics Kristen Power, left, and Brittany McFarland at Camp Courage. JEFF HARPER/METRO

The camp is about informing and educating these young ladies and giving them the opportunity to experience the physical demand placed on firefighters, police officers and paramedics.

Andrea Speranza, camp founder and firefighter with Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Services



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Sportsplex gets makeover: 'Think of the possibilities'

DARTMOUTH

Extra space to make facility more inclusive and accessible



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

The city is moving ahead with a \$22-million plan to revitalize the Dartmouth Sportsplex, which the facility's general manager believes will transform the aged building into a greater community hub.

Max Chauvin said Monday that programming at the facility is limited due to the lack of space. He hopes a proposed new gymnasium would not only expand its sports offerings but also other recreational services for families and seniors.

Chauvin said the possibilities are endless: after-school programs for youth, drop-in nights for basketball, alternative fitness classes for seniors, rental space for events and sports leagues — and so on.

"The building is over 30 years old, and the needs of the community have changed," he explained.

Halifax Regional Municipality recently began its search for a design consultant on the project — a service expected to cost \$2.2 million, accord-



The city is moving ahead with a \$22-million plan to revitalize the Dartmouth Sportsplex. JEFF HARPER/METRO

ing to the 2015-16 approved capital budget.

The project was initially approved by regional council in 2014 and carries a price tag of \$20.8 million over the next five years.

Besides a new double gymnasium, other improvements include adding a new "aquatic feature" such as a splash



I think it's going to make a huge difference in Dartmouth.

General manager
Max Chauvin

pad to the pool, renovating the building's fitness centre and relocating the entrance to the second floor.

Also being considered is a revamp of the building's reception area and other interior spaces to offer more connectivity and natural lighting.

"It's exciting to start the work and think of the possi-

bilities," Chauvin said Monday.

One of the major goals behind the renovation is to ensure the facility's infrastructure supports inclusive programming that it makes sports and recreation accessible to those "who have missed the traditional window."

IN BRIEF

Macdonald Bridge to close on Friday nights

If you need a bridge Friday night, you'd better take the MacKay.

Halifax Harbour Bridges says the Macdonald Bridge will be closed on Friday nights until further notice.

The bridge has been closed from 7 p.m. till 5:30 a.m. from Sunday to Thursday since March 1, and those closures will now extend to Friday as crews work to complete the re-decking project known as the Big Lift. METRO



The Macdonald Bridge
METRO FILE

Police seek third youth over violent robberies

Halifax police have arrested two young suspects but are still looking for a third, all of which were allegedly involved in a pair of violent robberies early Monday.

A 17-year-old girl and 16-year-old boy from Lower Sackville face charges.

The Mounties said the robberies "occurred within minutes of each other" in the Sackville Drive area.

The robbers allegedly struck the first victim in the back of the head and threatened to "spray him with a repellent" and kill him, while the second victim received cuts to his arms and face, an RCMP news release said.

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The Harbour Hopper gives a tour of the Halifax Harbour on Monday. Two-day staycation packages are available from the Downtown Halifax Business Commission for \$360 to \$1,000.

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Backyard bargains

COMMUNITY

Staycation deals offered by Halifax businesses



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

Halifax locals looking to get away from it all during their summer holidays are being encouraged to keep their sights on vacation destinations a bit closer to home.

On Monday, the Downtown Halifax Business Commission launched a new marketing campaign dubbed the "Don't Go Travel Agency," at their headquarters on Barrington Street.

Brenden Sommerhalder, the

commission's director of communications, said the message behind the new tongue-in-cheek initiative isn't intended to dissuade people from jet-setting to international hot spots, but is more focused on spreading the message of "don't let your weekends waste away while you're watching Netflix."

Starting this week, people can purchase a series of two-day staycation packages in the city's downtown, which range from \$360 to upward of \$1,000 in price.

Each package includes different events, food and accommodations, all for discounted rates thanks to partnerships with various downtown businesses, Sommerhalder explained.

For example, one package includes two tickets to a show at Neptune Theatre, followed by cocktails at the Middle Spoon

Desserterie & Bar, plus an overnight stay at the Prince George Hotel and brunch the next day.

This first-time promotion by the commission will hopefully turn into a year-round initiative, Sommerhalder added, saying the packages will continually change as new events pop up.

Monday was also the launch of the commission's new website where those interested in taking a staycation can purchase their packages online until the end of August, and sign up for weekly newsletters, and contest updates.

Three new video ads will help promote the initiative. Sommerhalder promises they'll be even funnier than the commission's "date night" spot that garnered international attention for its throwback to '80s dating videos.

Although he's confident the staycation idea will be a hit, he said selling packages isn't the point, as much as encouraging people to get out and explore downtown Halifax this summer.

"A lot of people forget about the wonders in their own backyard," he said Monday.



Maybe they haven't taken a Segway tour, maybe they've never been on the Harbour Hopper.

Brenden Sommerhalder, Downtown Halifax Business Commission

LABOUR

Halifax Water employees to vote on tentative agreement

Around 330 Halifax Water workers will vote Wednesday whether to accept a tentative agreement with the utility that could get them back on the job after an eight-week strike.

According to a release issued Monday afternoon, union members of CUPE Locals 227 and 1431, will meet Wednesday to vote on the tentative agreement reached Saturday, following three days of

negotiations.

Earlier Monday, Heather Corkum, president of Local 1431, said the union was having difficulty pinning down a location for the vote on short notice, as there was speculation the vote could take place on Monday.

There is currently a media blackout imposed on the dispute, therefore details of the agreement will only be

+ NEGOTIATIONS

Board approves deal

Halifax Water issued a release of its own on Monday saying its board has approved the tentative agreement.

released pending the union ratification vote, according to Monday's release. METRO

BY-ELECTION
Dartmouth South



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'Experience the extraordinary' at new downtown restaurant

FOOD

Lot Six seeks to return Argyle Street space to glory days



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

After months of training and preparation, Lot Six Bar and Restaurant opened its doors on Argyle Street Monday evening.

"I just want people to come in and enjoy this," said bar manager Jeff Van Horne, standing in the atrium room at Lot Six where a lofty glass pyramid-shaped ceiling draws your eyes upward.

It's a space with history that sat unused for decades. The previous tenant used it for "late-night flamenco dancing," but never as it was in its heyday, as part of the Newsroom Restaurant in the '80s.

"It was the place to be; it was a happenin' spot," restaurant manager Marian MacLean said Monday.

"We want to bring the



Shane Beehan pours a drink Monday at the newly opened Lot Six on Argyle Street. JEFF HARPER/METRO

space back to what it was."

MacLean wants the new restaurant, situated on Argyle Street between the Carleton and the Foggy Goggle, to be "a place where people ex-

perience the extraordinary."

MacLean and Van Horne are trying to execute that vision by bringing in the best people they can find, recruiting award-winning head bartender Shane Beehan, in-house sommelier Stefan Nielsen and chef Olivia Bolano from Toronto.

Lot Six is a cocktail bar, an oyster bar and a restaurant for "small, Spanish-style plates," something MacLean says is a top trend.

"The flavour profile that we're going for is really exciting, really different, but still things that people are familiar with, done in our own way," MacLean said.

"We want to be able to deliver something that you can't get at home."

At the bar, Van Horne and Beehan created have several new drinks with "very approachable flavours, but properly made so that everyone will be able to enjoy them."

Van Horne designed the bar himself to make sure his staff would be able to make those drinks to the standard he expects.

"You have to have certain things in place to make everything a lot easier," he said.

That, in turn, will make it easier for the bartenders to be able to connect with patrons, "giving them that experience, that bartender hospitality that has been long forgotten."

IN BRIEF

Fire at Dartmouth NSCC campus forces evacuation

Students and staff are back inside at NSCC's Akerley Campus after a small fire had the building evacuated Monday morning.

A release from the school says a fire broke out in a construction area when "combustible material" was ignited around 11 a.m.

Halifax Fire was able to quickly contain the blaze.

The affected area, near the back of the building, will remain closed until further notice, but classes and activities in the rest of the building resumed Monday afternoon. METRO

Police seek help solving Smoke Shop robbery

Halifax police are asking for help solving a tobacco store robbery that happened in Dartmouth in May.

According to the RCMP, officers went to the Smoke Shop on Portland Street at about 4:50 a.m. on May 11 and determined a man had forced the door open and smashed a cabinet door to access the tobacco inside.

Police say he made off with more than \$3,000 worth of cigarettes and cigars.

He's described as white and 5-foot-11, with a slim build. He was wearing dark jeans, a black hooded jacket, black gloves, a dark-blue cap, and black-and-grey sneakers.

Police ask anyone with information to call them or Crime Stoppers.

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ELECTION

Landry announces candidacy for federal NDP in Central Nova

Ross Landry wants a career in federal politics, looking to win the seat that federal Justice Minister Peter MacKay is soon leaving.

Landry, a former MLA for Pictou County who served as justice minister and attorney general in Nova Scotia before being ousted in 2011, announced Monday that he is seeking the NDP Central Nova nomination in the upcoming federal election.

"I am very excited about the prospects of a NDP government in Ottawa," he said in a statement.

"I believe Tom Mulcair and the NDP will help families get ahead by implementing policies and concrete action plans in Central Nova and



Ross Landry METRO FILE

the entire country.

"The currently neglected interests of lower- and middle-class families must be at the top of the political agenda."

MacKay announced in May

that he wouldn't be re-offering in the upcoming election, making the seat wide open to many political observers.

MacKay, a Conservative, has held the riding since 1997.

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Actor portrayals.



COMPETITIVE EATING POUNDING BACK THE POUTINE Tim 'Gravy' Brown, left, holds a bucket for Mark 'The Knife' as he cuts a potato with a buzz saw during the Smoke's Poutinerie World Famous Great Canadian Cross Country Plaid Gravy Train Fries Curd & Gravy Weird Wild and Wacky Poutine Eating Tour 2015 as it landed in Dartmouth on Monday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Storm may brush N.S.

WEATHER

Claudette won't pack a major punch

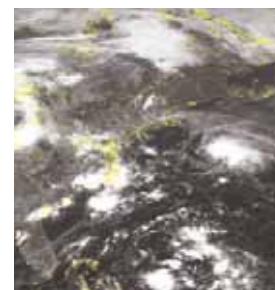
Tropical storm Claudette is being tracked by the Canadian Hurricane Centre as it could affect the weather in parts of Nova Scotia on Tuesday.

The Halifax-based centre says the storm had maximum sustained winds of 80 kilometres an hour as it lay about 720 kilometres south of Yarmouth on Monday afternoon.

Its track showed it moving northeast to lie near Sable Island on Tuesday night with the hurricane centre saying it may brush Cape Breton or move onshore early Wednesday as a weak system.

It is expected to dissipate as it moves into southwestern Newfoundland.

The centre says gale force winds are expected to remain offshore and periods of rain



NOAA satellite image taken Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

from the storm are forecast to start in Nova Scotia late Tuesday.

There is no estimate on rainfall amounts yet, but the centre says another low approaching after Claudette may yield higher rainfall amounts.

The hurricane centre is also warning of surge waves of two to three metres and rip currents along the eastern shore of Nova Scotia that could affect swimmers.

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CAPE BRETON UNIVERSITY

Vote flaw costs student union

An Ontario Superior Court justice has ordered the students union at Cape Breton University to pay nearly \$300,000 to the Canadian Federation of Students after ruling that a 2008 referendum vote to leave the national group was flawed.

"I am satisfied on all of the evidence before me that the referendum held by CBUSU was invalid in that it did not comply with the then prevailing bylaws and that the vote on defederation cannot be recognized on any other basis," ruled Justice Robert Beaudoin.

"Only the individual members of the CBUSU could initiate the process of defederation by way of petition. In this case, it is clear that the process was initiated by the voting member, the executive of the CBUSU," said Beaudoin,

\$293,000

The court ordered the CBU union to pay \$293,000 in back dues to the national federation and further ruled that given the 2008 vote was invalid, CBUSU continues to be a full member of the federation.

in a decision released Friday.

As a result of the ruling, current student union president Brandon Ellis said Monday the executive now must consider a host of options, including bankruptcy, in a bid to pay the ordered amount.

He admits that some services offered by the student union could be reduced or

eliminated and there is still a decision whether to appeal the ruling within the next 30 days.

"We certainly have some serious governance and budgeting decisions to make. This is a major headache and major disappointment," said Ellis.

The students union offers a host of services through a student fee each student pays for each enrolled course. Among the services offered include a convenience store, lounge, tutoring services, a women's centre and Capers Helping Capers, a community charity.

"This decision is going to hurt everyone from students to the community," said Ellis, noting the union offers employment through such services for some 80 people.

CAPE BRETON POST

HIGHWAY 104

Crashes send two to hospital

Two people were sent to hospital following two separate collisions on Highway 104 on Monday.

RCMP were first called to the scene of a two-vehicle collision near Exit 27 around 8:50 a.m.

The driver of an SUV was sent to hospital with serious, but non-life threatening injuries after another vehicle rear-ended it.

Traffic was reduced to one lane for over an hour.

RCMP were later called to a

single vehicle rollover near Exit 26 that saw a passenger taken to hospital with serious but non-life threatening injuries.

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When wedding guests act like the paparazzi

TRENDS

Photographers and brides ask for 'unplugged' ceremonies

Here comes the bride — and out come the smartphones.

Wedding guests are often keen to capture all the special moments during a couple's big day. But the flashing glare from cameras, phones and even tablets can prove disruptive during the ceremony — so much so that some couples are asking their guests to power off their devices.

Photographer Lainie Hanlon recalled asking a camera-toting guest who obstructed her view to take a seat — and she refused. "She apparently takes photos on the side as a part-time hobby and I was a very bitter photographer after that because she basically ruined every single ceremony photo that I had," recalled Hanlon, owner of Lainie Hird Photography in Ingersoll, Ont.

Hanlon said gadget use during ceremonies has increased in recent years, with guests not only taking smartphone photos but videotaping the entire ceremony.

She broaches the subject of "unplugged" ceremonies as an option for clients tying the knot.

"I give them an example: If I'm standing at the altar with the groom and I'm looking down, all I see are cellphones, is that



A sign from an unplugged wedding photographed by Lainie Hird Photography. THE CANADIAN PRESS

something that you're going to want to see in your photo? Ninety-five per cent of them now say: 'Yeah, you're right, this isn't something that we want.' ... You can't redo a ceremony."

Stephanie Fusco recalled attending a wedding where a

woman was jostling for position with the photographer during key moments of the ceremony. She knew she didn't want to face a similar issue for her own recent nuptials. Both families and Fusco's close friends were aware of her concerns. She also ex-

pressed her wishes and reasons behind an unplugged ceremony in a post on her lifestyle and beauty blog, Leopard is a Neutral.

Guests wound up taking photos anyway during the ceremony held at a Toronto church. But rather than being upset,

Fusco said she was "really grateful" for the additional images.

"I think what I was most concerned about ... was just being distracted by people and people having a bad experience because of people trying to get photos," said Fusco, 26, a social media professional.

"I think we've all been that guest at a wedding or at an event where you feel like you're watching the whole thing through somebody else's smartphone. And on the day of, I honestly didn't notice."

Tracey Maniulescu, co-founder of The Wedding Planners Institute of Canada, said couples can inform guests that they've opted for an unplugged ceremony.

"Put a note on the program about it as well (stating): 'We would really like you to be in the moment with us and seeing our exchange of love. Please put the cameras away at this time and we promise a lot of photos together afterward,'" said Maniulescu.

Ottawa-based officiants Keith and Lynne Langille have started encouraging couples to opt for unplugged ceremonies, which Keith said now account for about 90 per cent of their weddings.

Langille said he announces the plans to guests just before the event gets underway, but he does allow them to capture a few quick snaps. And then they sit down, they relax and they enjoy what is an awesome ceremony."

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TORONTO

Uber hops on HOV lane

Uber seized on the near-empty high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes to launch its car-pooling service in Toronto Monday, which will run until the end of the Pan Am Games.

Armed with a huge victory from the courts, where a judge denied the City of Toronto's request to shut down all of Uber's operations, Uber Canada is pushing ahead with UberPool, which already operates in five cities including New York and San Francisco.

It means UberX drivers, who use their own cars to drive passengers around, can now pick up two different ride requests heading on a similar route.

Company officials are promising savings of 20 to 50 per cent, depending on how long the ride is shared. They are billing UberPool as a way to keep Toronto moving during the Games. Traffic in the city has been dense since HOV lanes closed off highway lanes to accredited vehicles and those carrying three or more people.

"We have been looking at Toronto as an option for UberPool for quite some time," said Uber Canada general manager Ian Black in a telephone interview.

"Timing it to the Pan Am Games, and supporting the city when it's so clogged up for the Pan Am Games — I think there is great potential for the city," he added.

The company plans to assess the results after the Games to see how UberPool could work in the future.

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A T1 General 2010 tax form is pictured. The federal revenue agency has written off billions in debts in the last two years.

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Feds write off billions as uncollectible

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Debt totals at least \$4 billion, records show

The federal revenue agency has written off at least \$4 billion in debts in the last two years — including accounts worth more than \$10 million, newly released records show.

Debts were declared uncollectible because those owing had died, gone bankrupt, could not be located or lived outside Canada, according to Canada Revenue Agency records obtained under the Access to Information Act.

In other cases, officials considered it not worth the expense to track down the money owing, or they reached a compromise settlement with the debtor.

The revenue agency says it makes every effort to collect all tax debts from those who do not pay voluntarily.

Murray Rankin, the NDP's deputy revenue critic, questioned whether the government is doing enough to collect the substantial sums

“They are not going after international tax debt the way they should be.”

Murray Rankin, NDP deputy revenue critic

owed to the federal treasury.

The outstanding balance in undisputed, unpaid taxes was \$29 billion as of March 31, 2012, the federal auditor general reported in a 2013 examination of the issue.

According to the latest federal public accounts, the Canada Revenue Agency wrote off \$3.4 billion in debts in 2013-14, representing the lion's share of \$3.7 billion in total federal write-offs.

The newly disclosed revenue agency records do not align neatly with fiscal years, but span the period from Jan. 12, 2013, through Oct. 10, 2014, when just over \$4 billion was written off.

Names and other identifying information have been stripped from the records for privacy reasons.

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+ BACKGROUND

Magali Deussing, a federal revenue agency spokeswoman, declined to make anyone available for an interview about the figures.

A decision on whether an account is uncollectible and can be written off is based on rules set out in the Financial Administration Act and

other legislative authorities such as the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act, Deussing said in an emailed statement.

Under the law, an account may be submitted for write-off only if “there is no reasonable prospect of recovery,” she said.

MIDDLE EAST

Canadian who fought ISIL back in Israel

A Canadian-born woman who served in the Israeli military and later joined a Kurdish militia fighting the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) has returned to Israel.

Gill Rosenberg told Israel's Army Radio on Monday that after eight months of fighting in Syria, it was time to come home.

She said her Jewish values compelled her to “do the right thing not just by our

own people, but by any human being.”

Rosenberg served in the Israeli military and was previously a pilot in Canada.

She spent time in a U.S. prison for her part in a phone scam before joining the Kurdish militia last year.

She was among the first female volunteers to fight in the Syrian civil war.

Later, there were false reports that she had been cap-

tured by ISIL.

Rosenberg is from White Rock, B.C., and went to high school in Vancouver.

She had pleaded guilty for her role in an elaborate Israeli-based boiler room phone fraud that fleeced unwitting elderly Americans out of millions.

U.S. court documents have detailed her as someone who once struggled with alcohol and drug abuse but got treat-

ment in prison.

She was spared jail and sentenced to time served after she had spent nearly four-and-a-half years in custody.

The judge who presided over her case said Rosenberg had made a lot of progress in five years, including becoming “clean and sober.”

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IN BRIEF**What's next for Greece?**

Greece's bailout deal isn't a deal — yet.

It becomes one only if Greece meets tough conditions, like quickly passing a slew of far-reaching economic reforms, cuts and privatizations.

After the Greek government dismayed creditors by repealing some economic measures and dragging its feet in negotiations, key lender states led by Germany took a hard line: reforms first. Money afterward. Whether the deal will then steer the Greek economy back to health and help it lower its debt remains uncertain.

"Doubts and concerns in our view outweigh optimism and euphoria," wrote Carsten Brzeski, chief economist at ING-DiBa in Frankfurt. Under the deal struck with creditors during an all-night meeting in Brussels, the Greek parliament must approve by Wednesday key reforms. They include VAT tax increases and pension cuts, and safeguarding the full independence of Greece's statistics service, which at the start of the crisis in 2009 was found to have woefully misstated the country's finances for years.

More reforms have to be passed by July 20, including a new civil code that should streamline legal proceedings and lower business costs. Will that help Greek banks reopen? That's the intent.

Greece's banks have been closed since the European Central Bank refused two weeks ago to allow them to draw more emergency credit. Once the legislation passes and Greece gets closer to financial rescue, the ECB may decide to permit more credit. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



An anti-austerity protester during a rally at the Greek Parliament in Athens, Monday. EMILIO MORENATTI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Greece, eurozone in preliminary accord

ECONOMIC CRISIS

Nation avoids financial collapse and exit from euro

After gruelling, often angry negotiations that tested the limits of European unity, Greece on Monday won a preliminary deal that averts financial catastrophe but also guarantees years more of hardship and sacrifice for its people.

Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras flew home to sell the plan to skeptical lawmakers and political

allies, some of whom accused him of putting Greece at the mercy of its foreign creditors.

To close the deal with its partners in the euro currency, Greece had to consent to a raft of austerity measures, including sales tax hikes and reforms to pensions and the labour market. Enough of Greece's 18 eurozone partners were openly suspicious of its sincerity that they demanded, and got, Tsipras's commitment to accept close international oversight.

For the Greek leader and his radical left-wing government, which since election in January had vowed to stand up to the creditors, the payoff of the

“We managed to avoid the most extreme measures.”

Alexis Tsipras

marathon negotiations in Brussels was clear: about 85 billion euros (\$95.07 billion) in loans and financial support over three years, preserving Greek membership in the euro, and helping their country stave off financial collapse.

“We managed to avoid the most extreme measures,” Tsipras

said after the summit.

Tsipras said he successfully got creditors to drop a demand that Greek assets be transferred abroad as a form of collateral, and that the deal reached was less harsh than proposals from creditors his country's voters rejected a week ago.

But in many cases, ordinary Greeks now face tougher measures than those they voted down in a nationwide referendum. Syriza's Left Platform, a group of traditionalists in Tsipras's own party, swiftly denounced the agreement he had reached with fellow eurozone leaders as the “worst deal possible.”

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MEXICO

U.S. knew kingpin's plans

U.S. drug authorities knew Mexican drug kingpin Joaquin (El Chapo) Guzman and his associates had developed several escape plans starting almost immediately after his arrest last year, according to internal Drug Enforcement Administration documents.

The internal DEA documents reveal that drug agents first got information on escape plans in March 2014, about a month after Guzman was captured in the Mexican seaside resort town of Mazatlan. Various Guzman family members and drug-world associates were considering “potential operations to free Guzman,” the documents show.

That Guzman began plotting to break out shortly after his arrest should have come as little surprise to Mexican authorities: the DEA had alerted them about the plans. Mexican federal government officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment about the earlier escape schemes.

Since the 1990s his violent and powerful cartel has been known for digging sophisticated smuggling tunnels under the U.S. border with Mexico. Guzman was first arrested in 1993 but escaped from one of Mexico's top-security prisons, in Jalisco, in January 2001, allegedly by hiding in a laundry basket. He evaded capture in early February 2014 through an elaborate network of tunnels that connected multiple safe houses in Culiacan, in his home state of Sinaloa, and was arrested again a month later.

“There's some irony that the master of tunnels does it through a tunnel,” said Jim Dinkins, the former head of Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations Unit. “It's really ingenious.”

Dinkins said the sophisticated tunnel described by Mexican authorities would usually take about a year and half to two years to complete, suggesting it was started almost immediately after Guzman's arrest.

“What probably worked well for them was all the construction around the facility,” Dinkins said. “It's the removal of dirt and debris that can cause attention.”

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“There's some irony that the master of tunnels does it through a tunnel.”

Former Homeland Security executive Jim Dinkins

MIDDLE EAST

Israeli prime minister opens new Twitter account, in Farsi

Israel's prime minister opened a Twitter account in Farsi on Monday, seeking to reach out to the Iranian public as world powers were getting closer to a nuclear deal with the Islamic Republic.

Benjamin Netanyahu strongly opposes the emerging deal, and he used his inaugural tweet to criticize it and what he described as Iranian hypocrisy.

His first tweet included an image of Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and said Supreme

Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei “has said Iran should fight the U.S. regardless of the agreement, while Rouhani leads demonstrations expressing hatred.”

Netanyahu's office said the Farsi account will publish content similar to his English and Hebrew accounts to engage the Iranian people directly. Netanyahu has a popular following on Twitter and often tweets videos and photos with messages critical of the Iranian govern-

ment and nuclear negotiations.

Meir Javedanfar, an Iranian-born Israeli analyst, said Netanyahu's aggressive rhetoric could backfire with his Iranian audience.

“I'm worried ... Netanyahu is going to cause more damage if he continues with the same messages,” he said.

The account quickly gained more than 600 followers, with many users mocking him and saying there was a grammatical mistake. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

U.S.

Obama cuts dozens of prison sentences

U.S. president Barack Obama cut the prison sentences of 46 non-violent offenders on Monday, including 14 who were serving life sentences, saying “their punishments didn't fit the crime.”

“These men and women were not hardened criminals,” Obama said in a video released by the White House. He said the overwhelming majority had been sentenced to at least 20 years.

The move was part of a broad-

er effort by the administration to make the U.S. criminal justice system fairer. Obama has now issued nearly 90 commutations during his presidency, most of them to non-violent offenders sentenced for drug crimes under outdated sentencing guidelines. A commutation leaves the conviction in place, but ends the punishment.

Obama wrote a personal letter to each of the 46 individuals to notify them of their commutation. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



AIR AMBULANCE PRINCE STARTS NEW GIG Britain's Prince William, the Duke of Cambridge, begins his new role Monday at Cambridge Airport in England. The second-in-line to Britain's throne clocked in Monday for his first shift for East Anglian Air Ambulance and checked over his H145 helicopter, together with his crewmates. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

REFUGEES

'Stingy' world must aid Syria's displaced: Malala

Rich countries should spend less on weapons in the Syrian civil war and more on education, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai said Monday, calling world leaders "quite stingy" as she toured a camp for the conflict's refugees.

Malala, a champion for girls' education rights, was joined in Azraq camp by Mezon al-Melihan, a 17-year-old refugee who has been urging girls to stay in school. Malala and Mezon, an Azraq resident,

walked hand-in-hand through the camp, made up of rows of white, prefabricated shelters that serve as home to close to 20,000 refugees. The teens spoke to school girls, played on a swing set and kicked around a soccer ball.

Since the 2011 outbreak of Syria's conflict, more than four million Syrians have fled their country, most settling in neighbouring countries such as Jordan. Aid agencies asked for \$4.5 billion for 2015 to help

"We are here to ask world leaders to treat the rest of the world's children as their own children."

Malala Yousafzai

refugees, but have been forced to slash support programs because of large funding gaps.

Malala, who rose to fame after being shot by the Taliban in her native Pakistan in 2012 for insisting on her right to education, said the world must do more to help the refugees.

"There are rich countries in this world, there are world leaders who can afford spending money on weapons, who can afford spending money on the war that is going on in Syria," she said in a speech at the Azraq community centre.

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'Communist crucifix' OK with Pope

BOLIVIA

President surprises pontiff with unusual gift

Pope Francis says he wasn't offended by the "Communist crucifix" given to him by Bolivian President Evo Morales during his South American pilgrimage.

Morales surprised the pontiff with the unusual gift, a crucifix attached to a hammer and sickle, when Francis arrived in La Paz on Wednesday.

The crucifix was a replica of one designed by a Jesuit priest, the Rev. Luis Espinal, who was tortured and killed by Bolivian paramilitary squads in 1980. Francis prayed at the site of Espinal's assassination upon his arrival in Bolivia.

The modified crucifix immediately raised eyebrows, with some questioning whether Morales, whose socialist and anti-church rhetoric is well-known, was trying to score a questionable pol-

itical point with a questionable, and possibly sacrilegious, melding of faith and ideology.

Francis, an Argentine Jesuit, said Espinal was well-known among his fellow Jesuits as a proponent of the Marxist strain of liberation theology. The Vatican opposed it, fearing that Marxists were using liberation theology's "preferential option for the poor" as a call for armed revolution against oppressive right-wing regimes that were in power in much of Latin America in the 1970s and 1980s.

During a news conference en route home to Rome on Sunday, Francis said he interpreted Morales' gift through the prism of Espinal's Marxist bent and viewed it as protest art.

Francis added that he brought the crucifix home with him.

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"I understand this work. For me it wasn't an offence."

Pope Francis

Free delivery war heats up

ONLINE SHOPPING

Walmart lowers no-cost shipping mark ahead of Amazon sale

The online price fight — as well as the bickering — is picking up between Walmart and Amazon.com, and it's not even the holiday shopping season.

About a week after online king Amazon.com announced

a sales bonanza for Prime members set for Wednesday that it touts as bigger than Black Friday, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. made a counter attack: it has lowered the threshold on free shipping for online purchases to \$35 from \$50 for at least 30 days and on Wednesday, it will offer discounts on thousands of items online.

Amazon's highly promoted sale, which it calls "Prime Day," is to commemorate its 20th

anniversary this week and the sale is aimed at its Prime members, who pay a \$99 annual fee for free shipping.

"We've heard some retailers are charging \$100 to get access to a sale," Fernando Madeira, president and CEO of Walmart.com, wrote in a blog post. "But the idea of asking customers to pay extra in order to save money just doesn't add up for us."

Amazon.com took the opportunity to fight back.

"We've heard some retailers are charging higher prices for items in their physical stores than they do for the same items online," said Greg Greeley, vice-president of Amazon Prime in a statement

released a few hours after Wal-Mart's blog post. "The idea of charging your in-store customers more than your online customers doesn't add up for us, but it's a good reminder that you're usually better off shopping online."

“We’ve heard some retailers are charging \$100 to get access to a sale.”

Fernando Madeira,
Walmart CEO and president



Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said on Monday that the company is lowering its free shipping minimum order to \$35 from \$50 until further notice. On Wednesday, the company will also be offering discounts on thousands of items. DAMIAN DOVARGANES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

“We’ve heard some retailers are charging higher prices for items in their ... stores than they do for the same items online.”

Greg Greeley, vice-president of Amazon Prime

He pointed out that non-members can still partake in the deals by signing up for a 30-day free trial of Prime.

The moves show how Amazon is hoping to drive more customers to its Prime membership ahead of the key shop-

ping periods, back-to-school shopping season and the crucial holiday shopping period.

Ravi Jariwala, a Wal-Mart spokesman, noted, "If you've shopped at Walmart.com, you'll know that every day is a special day where everyone has access to the same low prices we offer."

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IN BRIEF

Microsoft set to launch Windows 10 system

Microsoft Corp. announced it will launch the Windows 10 operating system on July 29. The new system will let users switch seamlessly between PCs, tablets and smartphones, and is intended to give apps a similar feel on all devices. It also comes with a new Web browser integrated with Cortana, the company's answer to Apple's Siri.

Microsoft says Windows 10 will be available as a free upgrade for a limited time for anyone whose devices use Windows 8/8.1 or 7.

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ECONOMY

Slowdown could hamper 2015 outlook for railways: Analyst

Canada's sluggish economy and lower volumes of coal, grain and energy products could undermine the lofty 2015 earnings goals for the country's two largest railways, say industry analysts.

Canadian National and Canadian Pacific are expected to temper their earnings outlook when they report results next week.

Calgary-based CP had anticipated at least 25 per cent earnings per share growth for the year, while Montreal's CN had

suggested nearly 10 per cent growth.

But lower freight volumes in recent months prompted several analysts to trim their earnings forecasts for the second quarter.

CN's volumes were down 7.3 per cent in the second quarter, led by double-digit decreases for coal and grain. CP volumes decreased 5.8 per cent.

Although WTI oil prices surged about 25 per cent in the quarter, the railways are being hurt

by a delayed recovery in crude volumes as heavy oil producers were forced to shut down production for about two weeks due to wildfires in northern Alberta.

Benoit Poirier of Desjardins Capital Markets says the outlook for crude-by-rail remains uncertain for both railways even though the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers expects shipments will rise eight per cent this year to 200,000 barrels per day. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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What I learned about love at a communist wedding

You wouldn't know it was a communist wedding just by looking at it.

There was iced tea, along with plastic sunglasses and paper fans, to ward off the sun and heat. There were chairs tied with bows and centrepieces on banquet tables. A band poured a mix of Latin tunes and jazz standards over the crowd. Men wore suits and collared shirts. Women stood in platform heels and strapless dresses.

A mix of ages and races. A relaxed atmosphere, yes. Revolutionary? Not so much.

But then came the clues.

First, the officiant welcomed friends, family and comrades.

Then, he moved swiftly into a spiel on the sexist history of marriage, before promising the couple that, nevertheless, they could create a unique, equal union.

Weddings are built of stories. How a couple met, fell in love, what each of them is like. What their future holds, what their love means to each other and to the group.

And in a communist wedding, what their loves means to the revolutionary struggle.

"The ruling class of Los Angeles should be shaking in their boots," the officiant quipped. The crowd laughed. He was a very funny communist.

He quoted Karl Marx, Che Guevara, and even Jesus (the

revolutionary).

The way some priests talk of God, this orator expounded on the dream of a communist future.

During her vows, the bride talked of how love blossomed when the couple went to Ferguson to protest after the non-indictment of Darren Wilson for Michael Brown's death and were arrested. The groom had himself locked up so he could be with her; he found a way to hold her hand in jail.

At a communist wedding, there are frequent references to protests, arrests and the police. Also: frequent praise for elders, now in their 60s.

I had believed communism was mostly ideological history, laid to rest after the Cold War. What could anyone find in it now? I wondered.

The wedding had the answer. The guests behaved like a village, bound so tightly that it was hard to tell who was related by blood. They shared a bond of more than love. It's a common path.

For a Catholic at an atheist communist wedding, it felt oddly familiar to see love bound up in a belief about a life worth living. (Imagine the depth of the ceremony, say, if a nun married a priest.)

I had to hand it to the happy couple. Who gets married these days not just to change their own lives, but the world?

1 Clear as day The sun's radiation messes with the DNA in our cells, causing them to divide abnormally. More cancers are found on parts of the skin that catch the most rays, and cases increase the closer you get to the equator. However, the darker skin and conservative clothing style in many sunny countries is protective. Australia, home of fair-skinned beach bums, has the highest incidence of skin cancer on Earth.

2 Toxic information Although some studies have linked common sunscreen ingredients such as oxybenzone to potential health problems, these have been small and animal-based, and the substance was often injected or inhaled at a high dose. Though online sources use alarming language about sunscreen's "chemicals," contrary to popular belief, the number of letters in a substance's name bears no relationship to its toxicity.

3 The deal with D Many people fear sunscreen deprives them of Vitamin D. But it only takes a few minutes of summer sun to get what you need. In the Canadian winter, we need to get our D from our diets.

THE BIG THING: SUN SAFETY

We all know the dangers of soaking up too much sun. But concerns about chemicals and preferences for 'natural' products have clouded many people's views on the safety and efficacy of sunscreen. It almost seems simpler to just stay inside. Thankfully, science can shine a light on how to keep your family sun safe. METRO

HELP!

The value of catching the bus to the beach

YOUR RIDE

Erica Butler



If you're an ocean lover and transit user in Halifax, you have probably, at some point, lamented the fact you can't take the bus to the beach.

Lucky for us there are a number of great, swimmable lakes accessible by Halifax Transit. Williams Lake, Long Lake, Lake Bannock and more are all on or near existing bus routes.

But this is Nova Scotia, and ultimately the ocean is what we're about.

I've long been a fan of the idea of busing to the beach. For one, I can't stand the massive parking lots required for our most popular beaches. For another, I think it makes sense to give people without cars — particularly youth — the op-

tion to get to recreation hot spots on their own.

However, I also know there are limits to what Halifax Transit can do. Right now we have an urban transit service boundary (UTSB) that defines where there are enough people to make urban services affordable. And I accept we need to improve the quality of transit within that boundary first, before we set our sights on more remote areas.

As transit advocate and It's More Than Buses member Scott Edgar posed in response to my email: "If HRM decided to make exceptions to the UTSB for Halifax-dwelling beachgoers, what argument would there be for not making the same exceptions for rural commuters?"

He has a point. We should probably prioritize getting rural communities to the city before getting

city-dwellers to the beach. But there's a key difference between these two types of service. To properly connect to rural communities, you need regular bus service at least five days a week. In order to get people to the beach, you could reasonably start with two.

Crystal Crescent and Rainbow Haven are massively popular destinations on summer weekends. A pilot project bus service to these two provincial parks on Saturdays or Sundays (or both) is doable, and frankly, worth a try.

Consider that to add weekend service, we likely wouldn't need to buy additional buses. Consider that there's potential for support from the province. (Why not? The airport authority contributed \$500,000 to the establishment of the transit service to the airport.) Perhaps our Department of Natural Re-

I think it would make sense to give people without cars — particularly youth — the option to get to recreation hot spots on their own.

sources would chip in to provide weekend service to its provincial parks.

Transit access to the beach may seem frivolous in times of budget constraints, but the benefits of connecting us all to the coast, on the handful of summer weekends we have, may just outweigh the limited costs.

Erica Butler lives in Halifax and uses transit, a car and a bicycle to get around the city. You can follow her on Twitter at @HabitatRadio.

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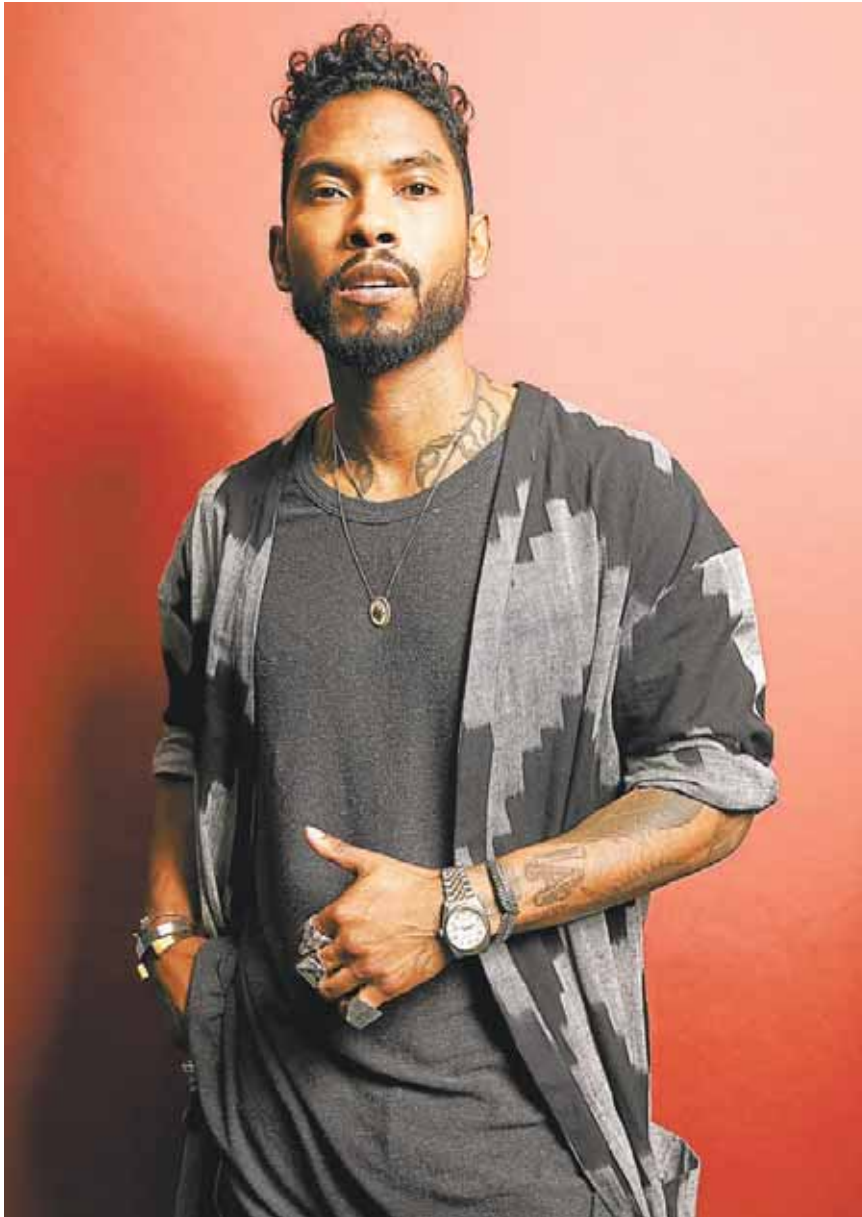
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Grammy-winning singer Miguel has found a new voice for his third album, ditching his radio-friendly style for a sound he calls “a lot more aggressive.” DAN HALLMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New start with a Wildheart

CHANGING SOUND R&B singer Miguel explores racial identity in new album

“Too proper for the black kids, too black for the Mexicans,” Miguel sings on the song What’s Normal Anyway.

The R&B star, who is black and Mexican, explores his racial identity and more on the track, which he calls “the spine” of his new album, *Wildheart*.

“It was a challenge for people to understand. It was always a question of, ‘What are you? Where do you come from?’” the 29-year-old Los Angeleno said. “And I guess it kind of rubs off on you ... and you wonder, ‘Who do I identify with more?’ The opening line is kind of like the beginning — it was part of my personal journey.”

The song features the refrain “I never feel like I belong,” and the sound marks a departure for the singer, whose No. 1 R&B hits include *Sure Thing*, *Lotus Flower Bomb* and the Grammy-winning *Adorn*, which helped Miguel cross over to pop.

He says race is an issue America needs to tackle quickly, especially in the wake of Donald Trump’s comments about some Mexican immigrants being rapists, criminals and drug dealers. Trump’s statements led numerous businesses to cut ties with him, including Macy’s, and cost

the Miss USA pageant, which Trump partially owns, its telecasts on NBC and Univision.

“Hopefully we’re ready as a culture to face it head-on and not put a Band-Aid on it in some ways and pacify it in some ways. It’s a real pivotal time and there’s a way to hopefully start affecting the way we are programmed to look at each other because it really does come down to the way people are portrayed in the media that

Miguel says he didn’t want to completely alienate his radio fans with his changing sound, so he released the groovy *Coffee* as the album’s first single.

“It was kind of the perfect wedge to crack open the door as we move forward,” he said. “I’d be lying if I said I didn’t want my songs to go No. 1 pop. I think any artist who pretends they don’t want that is in denial.... I want to reach more people, but I want to do it my way.”

The album also features collaborations with Lenny Kravitz and Kurupt, and the song *Leaves* samples the Smashing Pumpkins’ 1979.

“We’re all standing on the shoulders of giants. There’s nothing that hasn’t been done.... There’s going to be moments where you do things that are reminiscent of other things. And even if you’re not aware of them, I think it’s just best out of respect to reach out,” he says. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



It’s disgusting, it really is disgusting.

Miguel on Donald Trump’s racist comments about Mexican immigrants

carries on into our perceptions in real life,” Miguel said.

“It’s disgusting, it really is disgusting,” he added of Trump’s comments

Wildheart, which debuted at No. 2 on Billboard’s 200 albums and R&B/Hip-Hop albums charts last week, ditches his radio-ready sound for a more artistic approach. He calls the album “a lot more aggressive.”

“It has so much to do with the energy and pace and perspective I have on the world now. I think being a little more sturdy as a human being, I guess I’m more sure of myself, and I think that confidence affords or informs a certain decisiveness,” he said.

+ FUTURE PLANS

New work on the horizon

Miguel will launch a North American tour later this month. He has written songs for Beyoncé, John Legend and Usher, and he says he wants to continue to collaborate in that way. “I have a goal of writing a hit song for at least one artist a year now,” he said.

INTERVIEW

Jake Miller just wants to have fun

Jake Miller is known as the sensitive rapper. This is, after all, a guy whose first song that garnered major radio play (*A Million Lives*) is constructed of lyrics lifted straight from his fan mail, about how his music comforted a fan with cancer and helped another deal with her brother’s death.

But the 22-year-old, whose new EP *Rumours* came out earlier this month, has recently switched gears putting out a new single, *Dazed and Confused*,

which is essentially just an old-fashioned summer party song. “I’ve always been about putting out music with a message behind it, but I also want to make people dance,” Miller tells us.

On his song *Drunk in Love*

The song is about a guy who is either in love or, well, just really drunk. “How do you know if you’re in love? That’s a great question,” Miller says. “I think if you look at the person you’re with and you see someone you

can spend the rest of your life, you’re best friends with and want to spend every second with, then you’re probably in love.”

On bonding on the road

Miller has spent roughly six years in the spotlight and says his best friends are people he works with, like his drummer, tour manager, DJ and videographers. “I feel like I’ve known them longer than my childhood friends because we travel every single day together (on tour),” he says.

On going back to basics

While Miller is all for focusing on fun right now, he has every intention of going back to getting deeper when the tour is over and he heads back in the studio. “You always have to grow as an artist and nothing has stopped with the whole story-telling stuff that I used to do,” he says. “I’m going to write about whatever I’m experiencing at that time in my life. My music is always going to be about me.”

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Rapper Jake Miller cut his teeth playing the sensitive card, but for now, his main focus is on living life to the fullest as a 22-year-old. CHRISTOPHER POLK /GETTY IMAGES FOR MTV

The Force still strong in 2015

COMIC-CON

Harrison Ford, J.J. Abrams talk revisiting galaxy far, far away

The cast and filmmakers of *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* debuted a new behind-the-scenes reel and teased some new information at Comic-Con about the highly secretive film to a rapturous audience.

Filmmaker J.J. Abrams and Lucasfilm president Kathleen Kennedy were joined on stage Friday by *Star Wars* veterans and *Force Awakens* stars Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill and Carrie Fisher.

Ford, making his first public appearance since his plane crash in March left him hospitalized and injured, assured the audience and host Chris Hardwick that he was fine. The already excitable crowd exploded when Ford, the last to be introduced, walked out.

Seated next to Hamill, the gruff Ford was not hesitant to talk about his reluctance to revisit the world of *Star Wars* and the character of Han Solo.

"It should have felt ridiculous, it was 30 years ago," Ford said. "I sort of grew up."

He never thought that he'd do another film after the original trilogy.

"I was very gratified when I read the script because I read something that I thought was really remarkable, really well-written and with some very intriguing developments," Ford said. "I was very happy to be part of the story and the cast again."

The *Force Awakens*, which hits theatres on Dec. 18, picks up about 30 years after the events of *Return of the Jedi*.

Before fans were treated to the *Star Wars* veterans, they were introduced to the newcomers on the light side of the Force and, for the first time, those on the dark side.

Adam Driver, Gwendoline Christie and Domhnall Gleeson were on hand representing the bad guys. As the mysteri-

ous three-pronged lightsaber-wielding Kylo Ren, Driver tried to skirt any questions about his character.

When pressed, he talked vaguely about the philosophy of evil.

"We didn't really have a lot of conversations about bad or evil when we were shooting it," said Driver. "It was more the difference between being bad and being right."

Gleeson, whose character's name was revealed to be General Hux, didn't hesitate to say that he was evil. And Christie, who plays the chrome stormtrooper Captain Phasma, talked about how neat it was to be playing a character in full costume who is "not about the way she looks in the flesh."

Representing the light side of the force were Daisy Ridley, John Boyega and Oscar Isaac, who had spoken previously about their roles at the annual *Star Wars* Celebration event in Anaheim, Calif.

Though not much else was gleaned about Ridley's scavenger Rey, Boyega's stormtrooper Finn or Isaac's X-Wing pilot Poe Dameron, all offered anecdotes about their time on set.

To prepare for his role, Isaac asked Ford for some advice about piloting in *Star Wars*.

Ford just said, "It's fake."

There was no new footage to be seen, with Abrams saying another trailer will come out in the fall. But he did debut a behind-the-scenes reel that was made available online shortly after the panel concluded.

In addition to interviews with Hamill, Ridley and others, it focused on the practical effects used in the film — a recurring theme in all of Abrams' comments about the film, which hopes to recreate the esthetic of the original trilogy.

Not to be outdone, Abrams and Kennedy announced that there was one more surprise: an imminent *Star Wars* concert at an adjacent stage.

All 6,500 Hall H attendees were invited.

And their escorts? Stormtroopers, of course.

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Daisy Ridley as Rey, left, and John Boyega as Finn in *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*. FILM FRAME/DISNEY/LUCASFILM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

+ HATEFUL EIGHT

Cast of new Tarantino film talk S. Carolina Confederate flag controversy

Quentin Tarantino's latest film, *The Hateful Eight*, takes place a few years after the end of the Civil War — and cast members had the Confederate flag on their minds.

Comic-Con audiences were introduced to the film's motley crew of eccentrics Saturday. Set in a Wyoming haberdashery, this explosive group of bounty hunters, lawmen, outlaws and veterans — played by the likes of Kurt Russell, Tim Roth and Walton Goggins — take shelter from a blizzard and try (poorly) to keep the peace.

Roth and Goggins found the film incredibly timely, even before South Carolina removed the Confederate flag from its state house on Friday.


"Ferguson had just happened when we were rehearsing.... It seems very pertinent, oddly enough," Roth said. "And even more so now with what's happening in Charleston."

Goggins added: "If there's any person to bring this topic (of race and justice) back to the young people in this country, Tarantino is the one to do it."

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Director J.J. Abrams and more than 6,000 fans saw a surprise *Star Wars* Fan Concert performed by the San Diego Symphony. MICHAEL BUCKNER/GETTY IMAGES FOR DISNEY



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Dallas receiver Dez Bryant tweeted he "will not be there" without a new contract by Wednesday



Ellie Black of Halifax dismounts from the beam during the women's all-around artistic gymnastics competition at the Pan Am Games in Toronto on Monday.

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Black, Russell strike gold

PAN AM 2015

Gymnast, canoeist from Nova Scotia top the podium

It was another golden day for Canada — and Nova Scotia — at the Pan Am Games in Toronto.

Dartmouth's Ben Russell teamed up with Gabriel Beauchesne-Sevigny to win gold in the men's C2 1,000-metre final, while Halifax's Ellie Black snagged her own gold medal in the women's individual all-around artistic gymnastics competition on Monday.

Russell and Beauchesne-Sevigny finished with a time of three minutes, 46.316, almost a full second faster than a team from Brazil. Cuba won the bronze.

"I don't think we're surprising anyone by having good results."

Ben Russell

Black capped off her competition with a score of 58.150.

She managed a 14.550 on vault and 14.300 on bars, being beat out by American Madison Desch in both those categories. She was second on floor to Brazilian Flavia Lopes Saraiva with 14.350, but won beam with a standout 14.950 tally, a full mark above her American counterpart.

Also on Monday, Fall River's Michelle Russell won silver in the K1 500 metres, finishing just under two seconds behind Cuba's Yumari Mengana, who won gold.

Monday's results make seven



Canada's Gabriel Beauchesne-Sevigny, left, and Benjamin Russell paddle their way to a gold-medal victory in the men's C2 1,000-metre canoe race. AARON LYNETT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

medals won by Nova Scotians already at these Games.

Indeed, the PA announcer at the Welland Pan Am Flatwater Centre billed the races "Medal Haul Monday," which made

sense given that overall, Canada ended the day there with four medals, including the gold from Russell and Beauchesne-Sevigny and the silver from Russell.

Russell and Beauchesne-Se-

vigny edged a Brazilian pair to vault themselves to the top of the podium. The gold medal may have come from an unexpected source, but it wasn't quite an upset.

"We've been fourth in the world the last two years, so I don't think we're surprising anyone by having good results," Russell said.

"It just goes to show we're on track and ... we're hoping we're saving the best for last and come through next year."

On Saturday, Russell and Hannah Vaughan of Dartmouth helped Canada win gold in the women's K4 500 metres. The winning time was one minute, 36.495 seconds.

On Sunday, Black also helped Canada win silver in the team finals of women's artistic gymnastics, while Brittany Fraser of New Glasgow won silver in equestrian for team dressage.

METRO AND TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Fans vent over CBC coverage

Many dedicated Pan Am fans are panning CBC's live coverage of the Games.

"I expected a channel with lots of stuff going on. It's ridiculous," Miles Gibson grumbled by phone from Edmonton on Monday. "It's the worst coverage I have ever seen."

Gibson and other sports fans took to Twitter and CBC's own website to express disappointment with live on-line streams and largely pre-packaged TV broadcasts from venues across southern Ontario.

Justine Mossman of Whitby, Ont., said it's especially frustrating since Canada seems to be having an impressive showing at these Games, considered the largest international multisport event ever held in Canada. The 26-year-old has been following the medal haul on the Pan Am website but said she's frustrated whenever she turns on CBC-TV hoping to witness the wins herself.



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Sports fan Miles Gibson

"Our Canadian athletes are doing so very well and you want to be able to watch and cheer them on and there's just no live coverage to be found," complained Mossman, who said she had difficulty getting a smooth online stream and prefers TV.

CBC is offering TV coverage up to three times a day, including a mix of live and pre-packaged highlights. But several marquee moments have not been available live to fans, including Canada's first medal of the Games — a gold in women's kayaking on Saturday morning.

CBC spokesman Jeff Keay said there is only so much the network can provide. "It's impossible to provide live coverage of all of the events," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Spieth's Grand Slam bid talk of town

BRITISH OPEN

St. Andrews spotlight firmly on American as history beckons

There was no escaping Jordan Spieth even before he arrived Monday at St. Andrews to resume his pursuit of the Grand Slam.

Behind the practice range, one British television network talked to any player willing to stop. After a few gratuitous questions about the weather (cool and cloudy) and the Old Course (magnificent shape), the reporter got to the point.

What about Spieth's chances? "The odds are against him," said Soren Kjeldsen, relying entirely on history.

Spieth is only the fourth player since 1960, the year Arnold Palmer proposed the concept of the modern Grand Slam in golf, to win the first two majors of the year only to be stopped at the British Open. Palmer and Jack Nicklaus (1972) finished one shot behind. Tiger Woods was in good position in 2002 until he was blown away by the wind and rain at Muirfield

and shot 81 in the third round.

Spieth only added to the hype by winning the John Deere Classic in a playoff Sunday for his fourth win of the year. He flew on a charter flight from Illinois with other players at the John Deere Classic, arriving in Scotland about 10:30 a.m. and checking into his house before coming out to the Old Course to a quiet reception.

Spieth and his manager walked through a group of about 100 fans who camped out near the entrance to the player lounge to get his autograph. Spieth signed everything shoved his way, turned and tossing the last item to a delighted young British boy. Nick Faldo walked over to him and wished him well. A few fans congratulated him for his year, though this wasn't exactly Tigermania, or even Rorymania for that matter.

But then, Spieth is still relatively new. His short game, particularly the putter, is the envy of golf at the moment. But he doesn't have the power of Woods or Rory McIlroy, nor does he deliver the magical shots Woods once did that kept everyone talking. He just scores. And he wins. And that's what golf is all about, anyway.



He just beats you because he's better.

Geoff Ogilvy on Jordan Spieth

"He beats you with better golf," Geoff Ogilvy said. "He doesn't beat you because he hits it further. Tiger's intimidation was that he always did something amazing. Jordan — don't get me wrong, his body of work is amazing — but he doesn't beat you with a crazy par, or a crazy chip-in from the back of the 14th at Muirfield (Village). He just beats you because he's better."

Ogilvy was asked how he would feel going into the final round two shots behind Spieth compared with going against Woods or McIlroy.

"It would be different. It shouldn't be," he said. "There's more of an intimidation factor to Rory because he's going to hit it 30 (yards) past you all day, and it appears like he's better than you. Jordan doesn't appear like he's better than you. But his body of work proves that he's better than everybody — well, maybe everybody but Rory." That now is in reach.

With his victory at the John Deere, Spieth is within range of his goal of reaching No. 1 in the world. He would have to win The Open this week to get past McIlroy, who is out with an ankle injury with no clear indication when he will be able to return.

"What he's doing is phenomenal," Faldo said. "And he's confident ... He's seeing the right shot, he's visualizing the shot ... And he keeps churning out good shots. When you're doing that, you just jump back on the saddle and ride again. That's what he's doing."

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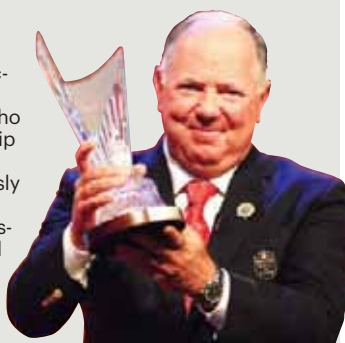
Jordan Spieth has already won the first two Majors of 2015 and is aiming to be the first golfer ever to win the first three Majors in a year. STUART FRANKLIN/GETTY IMAGES

MAJOR TRIO INTO HALL OF FAME

Major champions Mark O'Meara, David Graham and Laura Davies have joined the World Golf Hall of Fame in an induction class that included a renowned architect who built major championship courses.

Inducted posthumously was A.W. Tillinghast, the architect of famed courses Baltusrol and Winged Foot among more than 200 others.

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TENNIS

Williams, Djokovic owning top spots

Serena Williams has widened her lead at No. 1 in the WTA rankings with her fourth consecutive Grand Slam title at Wimbledon, now holding more than twice as many points as No. 2 Maria Sharapova.

Novak Djokovic's third championship at the All England Club allowed him to retain his healthy lead atop the ATP rankings on Monday over No. 2 Roger Federer, the man he beat in the final.

Sharapova, who lost to Williams in the semifinals, rose two

spots, while last year's champion, Petra Kvitová, slid from No. 2 to No. 5 after exiting in the third round.

The men's top 10 remained unchanged, including Andy Murray at No. 3, and Rafael Nadal at No. 10.

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Serena Williams
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IN BRIEF

Murray donates wristband to help animal charity

Buckingham Palace says a wristband worn by tennis star Andy Murray during this year's Wimbledon and later given to the Duchess of Cornwall has fetched more than 2,000 pounds (\$3,100) for an animal charity.

Camilla, the wife of Prince Charles and British royal put her memento on the online auction site, eBay, where it sold for 2,100 pounds Monday. The money raised will go directly to the Animal Care Trust. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Buffalo Bills coach Kromer punches and threatens boy

Buffalo Bills offensive line coach Aaron Kromer, 48, punched a boy in the face after confronting him and another boy about using his beach chairs while they fished along the shore near his Florida home, according to an arrest report released Monday.

The Walton County Sheriff's Office report says the boy told deputies that Kromer threatened to kill his family if he reported the incident. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

New Raptor Scola outlines ambition

Luis Scola doesn't just want to win with the Toronto Raptors.

The veteran Argentine power forward was introduced as the newest free agent signing by the Raptors on Monday and he pointed to Toronto's recent on-court success as a major influence in his decision. But he doesn't want to win an NBA title on his teammates' backs — he wants to contribute to a championship team.

"I wanted to find a place where I could win and be a part of the team, be important," said

Scola outside the Air Canada Centre. "Hopefully chase a (championship) ring at some point down the line."

The 35-year-old from Buenos Aires had four seasons with the Houston Rockets and one with the Phoenix Suns. Although he played backup for the Pacers the past two seasons, he still played an average of 18.8 minutes per game in Indiana. Scola averaged 12.7 points and seven rebounds per game in his NBA career.

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It's Greinke vs. Keuchel in MLB's mid-season classic

MLB

Bosox, Yanks absent from AL starting lineup

Los Angeles Dodgers right-hander Zack Greinke will start for the National League in Tuesday night's All-Star Game and Houston Astros lefty Dallas Keuchel will be on the mound for the American League.

The 31-year-old Greinke is 8-2 with a big league-best 1.39 ERA and enters the game at Great American Ball Park following five straight scoreless starts over 35-2/3 innings.

"These numbers he's putting up are really, really unbelievable," NL manager Bruce Bochy said Monday.

Greinke's wife, Emily, was so excited she will be at the game even though she is about three weeks from giving birth.

"She found a way to get out here even though she probably shouldn't have," he said.

The 27-year-old Keuchel, with a distinctive long, bushy beard, is 11-4 with a 2.23 ERA. Keuchel said he told his family in advance but was cautioned not to inform the others.

Still, he worried that word might leak out.

"Even my family has loose lips," he said.

The AL will open the game with an all right-handed-hitting lineup for the first time.

AL manager Ned Yost said that Los Angeles Angels centre fielder Mike Trout will lead off, followed by Toronto third baseman Josh Donaldson, Angels first baseman Al-



Los Angeles Dodgers Zack Greinke, left, will alternate the pitching mound against Houston Astro Dallas Keuchel at pro baseball's 2015 All-Star Game. STEVE NESIUS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

bert Pujols, Seattle designated hitter Nelson Cruz, Kansas City's Lorenzo Cain in right, Baltimore's Adam Jones in left, Royals catcher Salvador Perez, Astros second baseman Jose Altuve and Royals shortstop Alcides Escobar.

The only previous team to open with all righty batters

was the NL for the first of two games in 1962.

Bochy's batting order has Pittsburgh centre fielder Andrew McCutchen leading off, followed by Cincinnati third baseman Todd Frazier, Washington right fielder Bryce Harper, Arizona first baseman Paul Goldschmidt, San Francisco



catcher Buster Posey, the Chicago Cubs' Anthony Rizzo at DH, St. Louis shortstop Johnny Peralta, the Dodgers' Joc Pederson in left and Colorado second baseman DJ LeMahieu.

Five fan-elected starters are missing the game because of injuries: Detroit first baseman Miguel Cabrera, Royals left

fielder Alex Gordon, Miami second baseman Dee Gordon and right fielder Giancarlo Stanton and St. Louis left fielder Matt Holliday.

This is the first time the AL starting lineup did not have at least one player from Boston or the New York Yankees.

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TOUR DE FRANCE

Basso has cancer, quits race

Stunning the Tour de France on its first rest day, doctors diagnosed a tumour in the left testicle of two-time Giro d'Italia winner Ivan Basso on Monday, forcing him out of the showcase race.

His former rival Lance Armstrong, who survived testicular cancer that spread to his lungs and brain, immediately tweeted his support.

At age 37, Basso wasn't a contender to win the race, as the Italian was in his heyday before he was banned for doping. But his experience and pedigree — Basso finished second at the 2005 Tour and third in 2004 — meant his withdrawal was keenly felt by his team leader Alberto Contador.

On what is often an uneventful day of rest and relaxation when riders recharge their batteries before the high moun-

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I have to stop and go back to Italy.

Ivan Basso

tains, a visibly shaken Basso appeared with Contador at a news conference and announced that just two hours earlier, doctors diagnosed a tumour in his left testicle that had been painful since he crashed on Stage 5.

Contador put his arm around Basso and vowed, his voice cracking with emotion, to do his best to win the race to honour his teammate.

Basso said he has cancer.

"I have a small cancer in the left testicle," he said. "I have to stop and go back to Italy."

But his Tinkoff-Saxo team said more tests are needed to be certain the tumour is cancerous. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Leicester replaces fired coach with fired coach

Experienced Italian coach Claudio Ranieri was hired as the new manager of Leicester on Monday, returning to the English Premier League eight months after being fired after a brief and disappointing spell in charge of Greece's national team.

The 63-year-old Ranieri signed a three-year deal as the replacement for Nigel Pearson, who was fired last month after falling out with Leicester's Thai owners.

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Canadian national team soccer players Nik Ledgerwood and Marcel de Jong look on at start of practice in Toronto, Monday. NEIL DAVIDSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCACAF

Canada faces elimination

Canada is hoping history and home-field advantage will help it survive a little longer in the Gold Cup. A goal or two would help as well.

The Canadian men (0-1-1) play Costa Rica (0-0-2) at BMO Field on Tuesday, essentially needing a win to advance to the knockout round of the CONCACAF championship.

"There's a sense of urgency," said Canadian captain Julian de Guzman. "We realize the situation we're in at this point. I mean (Tuesday's) game is pretty much

like a final.

"This time we're at home. We'll have the support of our fans," he added.

Canada has not been beaten at BMO Field since a 2-0 loss to Peru in September 2010. The men have gone 6-0-4 there since and have won their last four games in Toronto.

But the last time they lost in Canada was to Costa Rica, 1-0 at Edmonton's Commonwealth Stadium in May 2013.

Canada is ranked 103rd in the world by FIFA while Costa Rica is No. 41.

Jamaica leads Group B with four points with Costa Rica and El Salvador on two and Canada on one.

The top two teams in each of the three groups as well the two best third-place finishers advance to the quarter-finals.

The Canadian men could win their pool. Or they could exit the tournament, as they did in 2013 when they went 0-2-1 and failed to score.

Two years later, Canada's young strike force still has to find the net.

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RECIPE Watermelon Cucumber Feta Stacks



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Perfect for a starter or salad, these fruit and vegetable stacks are a refreshing taste of summer. Serves 4.

Prep time: 10 minutes

Ingredients

- 24 rounds of cucumber
- 24 watermelon squares (2" x 2" wide, 1/2" thick)
- 2 oz crumbled feta cheese
- Chopped fresh basil or mint
- Balsamic Glaze
- 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
- 2 Tbsp maple syrup
- Garnish
- Basil or mint

Directions

1. Place 12 cucumber rounds

on large serving platter. Place one watermelon square on top. Sprinkle with half the feta cheese. Repeat layers, saving a little feta for garnish.

2. In a small skillet, add vinegar and maple syrup. Bring to a boil and boil for about 2 minutes, just until entire surface is bubbly. Pour into small bowl, cool slightly and drizzle over top watermelon stacks. If too thick, reheat gently. Garnish with basil or mint.

Nutrition per serving

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- Carbohydrate 7 g
- Fat 1 g
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- Cholesterol 5 mg
- Sodium 55 mg
- Fibre 0 g

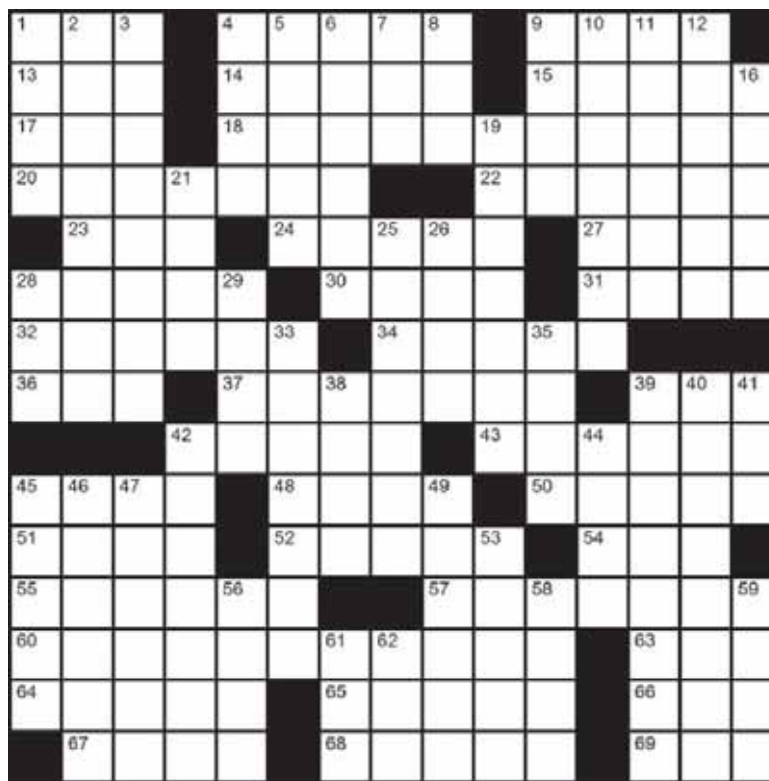
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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ACROSS

1. Antiquated
4. "The Fault in Our Stars" (2014) star Mr. Elgort
9. ___-of-honour
13. Actor Jason
14. Path
15. Singer/songwriter Ms. Mann
17. ___ long way (Last)
18. East Coast serving on a hot dog bun: 2 wds.
20. Human-like robot
22. Slim spots to sit on
23. "___ dreaming?" (Is this real?)
24. Ill-gotten money
27. Network of nerves
28. Scottish hill-sides
30. Mr. Clapton
31. Loved ___ (Cherished people)
32. Grown-ups
34. Available, as keg beer: 2 wds.
36. Coco's famous perfume, Chanel ___
37. 8-sided shape
39. Grand money amt.
42. Partake in a lecture
43. Put new actors in roles
45. Frequently: 2 wds.
48. Get ready
50. Tom Cochrane album: 'Mad Mad ___'
51. Canadian actress Ms. Dobrev



52. Exclamations of accomplishment!
54. Sing-y syllable
55. Club swinger
57. Shriveled grapes
60. Airport contraband detectors with highly sensitive noses: 2 wds.

63. Bustle
64. Precept
65. Fashion capital in Italy
66. Not specialized [abbr.]
67. Digital displays, e.g.
68. Type of wheat
69. Unit of work

DOWN

1. 1970s gymnast Ms. Korbut
2. First name in Renaissance art
3. Electronic music artist (born in Niagara Falls) whose name ends in a number

4. Folkie Mr. Guthrie
5. Salad orderer's dressing specification: 2 wds.
6. Overpower
7. Sci-Fi beings
8. Rent
9. Ms. Winningham of "St. Elmo's Fire" (1985)

10. Helicopter delivery to the emergency below
11. Heroine in Shakespeare's play Cymbeline
12. Wipe out
16. Someone ___ (Not mine)
19. Voter
21. Father of Manitoba, Louis ___ (b.1844 - d.1885)
25. Uttered, as a frog
26. Finger jewellery
28. Ray-___ (Sunglasses maker)
29. Cease
33. King's wand
35. Afresh
38. Scarlett's home
39. Wedlock
40. Prince Edward ___ (Atlantic Canada denizen)
41. Business name abbr.
42. Hired, as employees for the openings
44. Camping beds
45. Apprehensive feeling
46. Mr. Richie, Nicole's musician dad
47. Wired to the web
49. Prisoner's conditional release
53. Katey of "Married... with Children"
56. Tiny amphibians
58. Stevie Wonder's "___ She Lovely"
59. Tracked item on Billboard
61. Titanic's letters
62. Platter mixture for chips

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
The one thing you want to avoid is the one thing you need to tackle. You cannot afford to just sit there and see what might happen. Be brave.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Friends and relatives will do anything to assist you today, so don't pretend that everything in your life is fine and dandy, because it isn't and you need help. Even a Taurus can find themselves out of their depth once in a while.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
If you need to persuade someone to give you something today you may be successful but they may feel resentful that you put them on the spot. If possible, wait until the moon is new on Thursday.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
So many things are going right for you now that you are beginning to believe that the breakthrough you have been dreaming of is about to arrive — and it is.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Your main problem at the moment seems to be that you are worrying about things that will probably never happen. Fortunately, your worries will fade later in the month. Until then, relax.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
According to the planets you are in tune with the spirit of the times and have found your special role in the world. At last you feel you are doing something worthwhile and making a difference. Make it a big one.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You prefer to avoid confrontation but the planets suggest you will find the courage to make the kind of difficult decision that you usually strive to avoid. Remember: Change is not something you should shun.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Approach the day in a positive frame of mind and you will accomplish a lot. Approach the day in a negative frame of mind and you will accomplish the same things but you won't get much joy from them.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may not be able to explain how you have reached a certain conclusion but you know it is right, so have the courage of your convictions and act on it immediately.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Cosmic activity in your opposite sign means you will need assistance over the next few days, and you are more likely to get it if others think they owe you something.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You must spend some time planning what you are going to do. If you don't look ahead at the steps you will have to take there is a chance you will stray off course.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
If you are in any way creative and have ambition in this area then what happens over the next few days will give you the chance to show what you can do. You're not just as good as everyone else, you're better.

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Rondo EX Luxury shown[†] HWY / CITY 100KM*: 6.3L/9.2L

2015
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\$15,445*

INCLUDES
\$5,850* IN CASH DISCOUNTS

INCLUDES:



Sportage SX Luxury shown[†] HWY / CITY 100KM*: 6.1L/8.8L

2015
SPORTAGE 2.4 LX MT FWD

WELL-EQUIPPED FROM
\$17,995*

INCLUDES
\$5,000* IN CASH DISCOUNTS

INCLUDES:



Optima SX Turbo shown[†] HWY / CITY 100KM*: 5.7L/8.9L

2015
OPTIMA LX AT

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Sorento SX Turbo AWD shown[†]
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